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Leading DHS News:

TRUMP: DEMOCRATS “WILL NEVER WIN ANOTHER ELECTION” WITH CALLS TO ABOLISH ICE. On [ABC World News Tonight](#) (7/1, story 4, 2:50, Llamas, 14.63M), Tara Palmeri said President Trump is “attacking those calling to abolish and reform ICE” as “some Democrats [are] lashing out at the agency.” The [Washington Times](#) (7/1, Boyer, 460K) reports Trump said Sunday that Democrats “will never win another election” if they keep pushing to abolish ICE. In an interview with [Fox News’ Sunday Morning Futures](#), Trump said, “I hope they keep thinking about it. Because they’re going to get beaten so badly. You get rid of ICE, you’re going to have a country that you’re going to be afraid to walk out of your house. I love that issue if they’re going to actually do that.” He predicted that “if the Democrats go left...getting rid of ICE, and having open borders...all it’s going to do is lead to massive, massive crime.” The Times adds that calls to abolish ICE have been endorsed “by leading Democrats,” such as Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Kirsten Gillibrand.

The [New York Times](#) (7/1, Cochrane, 19.33M) says the President “spent part of his weekend at his New Jersey golf resort tweeting his support for the agency and its involvement in implementing his ‘zero tolerance’ immigration policy.” His remarks are similarly reported by the [Daily Caller](#) (7/1, Ross, 420K) and [Townhall](#) (7/1, Meads, 209K), among other sources, while the [Washington Examiner](#) (7/1, Chaitin, 340K) provides a list of “Democrats who have said they would like to see the demise of the agency.”

Seung Min Kim of the Washington Post said on [CNN Inside Politics](#) (7/1, 733K) that “the shift in the messaging here by some in the party to abolish the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency could be a moment where they perhaps give up the hold they had on immigration issue for last couple of weeks because that is a very controversial idea. You’re not going to see Democratic leaders embracing that idea any time soon. And the problem with that messaging, the messaging of abolishing ICE, is that when you kind of paint it in a binary issue – have ICE or not – that’s an argument that...President Trump wants to have.”

Michael Shear of the New York Times said on [CNN Inside Politics](#) (7/1, 733K), “It just completely plays into exactly the message that President Trump has been building since his campaign, which is to paint himself and his view of immigration as protecting the country vis a vis open borders, that is how he describes the Democratic Party. And to describe a policy of abolishing ICE without suggesting what would replace it, plays right into the idea of being ‘open borders’ – just throw the borders open and let people in.”

The [Washington Times](#) (7/1, Dinan, Boyer, 460K) says the calls for abolishing ICE are “becoming a litmus test for Democratic candidates,” while Rachel Bade of Politico said on [CNN Inside Politics](#) (7/1, 733K) that Democrats “have got to be really careful on this. If you’re trying to pick up two dozen swing districts that are currently held by Republicans, going out there and saying abolish ICE, abolish this federal agency that enforces immigration law, that’s not going to help them pick those up.”

Trump Defends ICE As Protesters March Nationwide Against Administration’s Immigration Policy. President Trump took to Twitter on Saturday to defend Immigration and Customs Enforcement against Democratic lawmakers and liberal advocates calling for abolishing the agency even as thousands of Americans marched in cities nationwide to oppose his Administration’s immigration policies. Media coverage, which included over 12 minutes on the network newscasts, was also heavy in print and online. Reporting was mostly favorable to the pro-immigration demonstrators, with the exception of conservative outlets, which also praised the President for defending ICE.

Typical of the tone of the coverage was a front-page [Washington Post](#) (6/30, A1, Nakamura, 15.68M) article, which says that Trump “opened a new front in the immigration debate, diverting attention away from his administration’s treatment of undocumented immigrants to a broader fight over the federal agency charged with detaining and deporting them.” According to the Post, the President in a pair of tweets sent from Trump National Golf Club, Bedminster “forcefully defended the performance of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and lambasted Democrats as pushing a ‘radical left’ agenda to abolish it, even though only a handful have publicly supported doing so.”

[Breitbart](#) (6/30, Spiering, 1.28M) reports Trump [tweeted](#), “The Democrats are making a strong push to abolish ICE, one of the smartest, toughest and most spirited law enforcement groups of men and women that I have ever seen. I have watched ICE liberate towns from the grasp of MS-13 & clean out the toughest of situations. They are great!” He [added](#), “To the great and brave men and women of ICE, do not worry or lose your spirit. You are doing a fantastic job of keeping us safe by eradicating the worst criminal elements. So brave! The radical left Dems want you out. Next it will be all police. Zero chance, It will never happen!”

[USA Today](#) (6/30, Miller, 11.4M) says “ICE has been in the center of the backlash over Trump’s strict policy, which had the agency arresting undocumented immigrants entering the country without using legal entry points,” while [AFP](#) (6/30, Couronne) reports “as a result of Trump’s crackdown, distraught children were separated from their families and, according to widely broadcast pictures, held in chain-link enclosures, a practice that sparked domestic and global

outrage.”

The [Washington Times](#) (6/30, Boyer, 460K) highlights that “some top Democrats have been increasingly calling to get rid of ICE in the wake of a furor over separation of illegal immigrant families at the southern border.” The [Daily Caller](#) (6/30, Kruta, 420K), identifies the lawmakers advocating to abolish ICE as “Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (NY) and Kamala Harris (CA) – who are both considered to be ‘in the running’ for the 2020 presidential nomination – and Representatives Mark Pocan (WI), Pramila Jayapal (WA), Earl Blumenauer (OR), Nydia Velasquez (NY), Jim McGovern (MA), Raul Grijalva (AZ) and Michael Capuano (MA).”

[The Hill](#) (6/30, Breland, 2.71M) notes Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) on Saturday joined the other Democrats in calling for “replacing ICE with something that reflects our morality and that works.” In addition, Rep. Jayapal told [The Hill](#) (6/30, Rodriguez, 2.71M) in an interview on Saturday that she wants Congress to set up “a commission that looks at the alternatives to ICE and really starts to understand how do we have these functions in a way that is accountable, transparent and humane.”

On the [CBS Weekend News](#) (6/30, story 2, 1:45, Ninan, 2.62M), Paula Reid reported “Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, [the] 28-year-old Democrat who just ousted incumbent Congressman Joe Crowley, is [also] among those calling for an end to the agency.” According to Reid, the President “is seizing on immigration to rally Republican voters ahead of those critical November midterms.” [The Hill](#) (6/30, Breland, 2.71M) reports the President told Fox News’s Maria Bartiromo in an excerpt of an interview to air on Sunday that if Democrats continue to call for abolishing ICE, “they’re going to get beaten so badly.” Trump continued, “You know ICE, these are the guys that go in and take MS-13, and they take them out. Because they’re much tougher than MS-13, like by a factor of 10.” He added that if “you get rid of ICE, you’re going to have a country that you’re going to be afraid to walk out of your house.”

[The Hill](#) (6/30, Greenwood, 2.71M) reports Trump on Saturday afternoon also “doubled down...on his demand that people who cross into the U.S. illegally be deported immediately.” Trump [tweeted](#), “When people come into our Country illegally, we must IMMEDIATELY escort them back out without going through years of legal maneuvering. Our laws are the dumbest anywhere in the world. Republicans want Strong Borders and no Crime. Dems want Open Borders and are weak on Crime!”

In addition, the [AP](#) (6/30, Thomas) reports the President “claimed...that he never pushed House Republicans to vote for immigration bills that failed last week, offering his latest display of whiplash on the legislation.” Trump [tweeted](#), “I never pushed the Republicans in the House to vote for the Immigration Bill, either GOODLATTE 1 or 2, because it could never have gotten enough Democrats as long as there is the 60 vote threshold. I released many prior to the vote knowing we need more Republicans to win in Nov.” He [added](#), “Either we need to elect more Republicans in November or Republicans must end the ridiculous 60 vote, or Filibuster, rule – or better yet, do both. Cryin’ Chuck would do it on day one, but we’ll never give him the chance. Some great legislation awaits – be smart!” However, [Politico](#) (6/30, Griffiths, 3.51M) emphasizes the President’s assertion is false because he made “such an encouragement” on Wednesday “with an all-caps Twitter endorsement.”

Thousands Demonstrate Across US To Protest Trump’s Immigration Policies. On the lead [ABC World News Tonight](#) (6/30, lead story, 2:50, Llamas, 4.58M) segment, Tom Llamas reported “tens of thousands of protesters” took part “in more than 700 demonstrations...in cities and towns from coast to coast, in every state, urging President Trump to reunite the families separated at the southern border. Part of the fallout from his zero-tolerance immigration policy.” On the lead [NBC Nightly News](#) (6/30, lead story, 2:35, Diaz-Balart, 12.78M) segment, Jose Diaz-Balart said “hundreds of thousands of people in communities across the country mobilized...for migrant families, protesting President Trump’s policy that separated children from their loved ones.”

The [AP](#) (6/30, Knickmeyer) reports protests took place in “immigrant-friendly cities like New York and Los Angeles to conservative Appalachia and Wyoming.” According to the AP, demonstrators “gathered on the front lawn of a Border Patrol station in McAllen, Texas, near a detention center where migrant children were being held in cages, and on a street corner near Trump’s golf resort at Bedminster, New Jersey, where the president is spending the weekend.” [Reuters](#) (6/30, Wroughton) says “outside the White House, protesters waved ‘Families Belong Together’ signs and chanted ‘Shame!’ as religious leaders and activists urged the administration to be more welcoming of foreigners and to reunite families.” [Breitbart](#) (6/30, Moons, 1.28M) reports “‘Vote them out’ chants rang out many times over the course of several hours at one of many leftist open borders protests on Saturday.”

On the lead [CBS Weekend News](#) (6/30, lead story, 2:20, Ninan, 2.62M) segment, Kenneth Craig reported “New York’s protest brought an estimated 15,000 to the streets of lower Manhattan over the Trump Administration’s zero-tolerance policy on illegal border crossings,” while the [Washington Post](#) (6/30, Lang, Zauzmer, Natanson, 15.68M) says 50,000 protesters were expected at the DC rally, but “the crowd seemed somewhat shy of that, although organizers said aerial

photographs indicated it was still in the tens of thousands.” [The Hill](#) (6/30, Lora, 2.71M) says that although “temperatures [exceeded] 90 degrees, protesters crowded Lafayette Square across from the White House at a rally that was as much a protest against the president himself as it was against the recent rise in migrant family separation cases.” The Hill reports the protests “were organized to fight three main tenets: family separation policies, family detention policies and the zero-tolerance policy started under Trump that drove the uptick in children separated from their parents at the border.” The Hill adds that “organizations also demanded that the president reunite all separated children with their parents within the deadlines assigned by a California federal judge earlier this week.”

[The Hill](#) (6/30, Bowden, 2.71M) reports “various Democratic lawmakers” also took part in the rallies, including Sens. Ben Cardin (D-MD), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), and Ed Markey (D-MA) as well as Reps. Joe Kennedy III (D-MA), John Lewis (D-GA), and Pramila Jayapal (D-WA). In addition, [The Hill](#) (6/30, Seipel, 2.71M) “In The Know” blog says “celebrities including Lin-Manuel Miranda, Alicia Keys and Amy Schumer” also attended the Saturday “protests against the Trump administration’s immigration policies.”

Portland Police Declare Riot, Revoke Permit As Antifa Disrupts Protest. [Breitbart](#) (7/1, Huston, 1.28M) reports that Portland, Oregon police “revoked a permit for a pro-America march and declared the scene a riot when counter-protesters erupted in violence on Saturday.” The permit had been “secured by the Patriot Prayer group that had planned a march entitled the ‘Freedom and Courage’ rally. But a large number of members of a local violent, black-clad Antifa group also gathered along the march route and began a series of confrontations with the marchers.” According to The Oregonian, the Antifa group “initiated hostilities by throwing eggs, bottles, and other items at the Patriot group, the paper noted.”

[ABC World News Tonight](#) (7/1, story 9, 0:20, Llamas, 14.63M) reported that according to police, at least four people were hurt “when right-wing demonstrators and counter-protesters broke out in brawls,” and “at least nine people [are] facing charges.” The [CBS Weekend News](#) (7/1, story 9, 0:20, Quijano, 5.32M) reported that officials “say they seized knives, clubs, and chemical sprays.”

News Analyses Detail Growing Liberal Embrace Of Calls To “Abolish ICE.” The [New York Times](#) (6/29, Ember, Herndon, 19.33M) chronicles how progressive Democratic candidates have embraced the “seemingly radical message” to “Abolish ICE.” According to the Times, “from Massachusetts to Hawaii, progressive candidates undeterred by the immense obstacles to eliminating a federal agency have peppered Twitter with hashtags of support.” The Times adds that although “strategists point out the political risk inherent in the movement,” the proposal “has been gaining momentum as a rallying cry of the far left.”

The [Washington Post](#) (6/29, Weigel, 15.68M) reports, “On Thursday night, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) called for the elimination of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE,” and “by Friday morning, Republican campaign groups were asking whether Democrats who had taken money from Gillibrand – a number of female candidates in swing races – would echo the senator or denounce her. ‘Do they stand with Gillibrand and want to do away with our immigration enforcement agency?’ asked America Rising.” According to the Post, “The implication was that the abolition of ICE, a demand that started with left-wing activists and writers, would be a killer wedge issue against moderate Democrats,” and “so far, the idea is being endorsed only by left-wing Democrats.” However, the Post adds, “we do not really know what voters think of ICE, a government organization that is only 15 years old.”

The [Washington Times](#) (7/2, Boyer, Richardson, 460K) reports, “Democrats have found themselves at odds over whether to abolish Immigration and Customs Enforcement in the latest rift between the party’s liberal and leftist wings.” Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) and Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) “insisted that eradicating ICE would accomplish nothing as long President Trump is in power, breaking with progressives who have called for replacing the agency. ‘Abolishing ICE will accomplish nothing unless we change the Trump policies,’ said Mr. Blumenthal on ‘Face the Nation.’” Duckworth “said the agency ‘reflects the policies of the White House, of the president.’ ‘You abolish ICE now, you still have the same president with the same failed policies,’ Ms. Duckworth told CNN’s ‘State of the Union.’ ‘Whatever you replace it with is still going to reflect what the president wants to do.’”

Durbin: ICE “A Group Of Incompetents.” The [Daily Caller](#) (7/1, Brest, 420K) reports Sen. Dick Durbin “hurled insults towards” ICE during an immigration rally in Illinois Sunday morning. Said Durbin, “Look at ICE, what a group of incompetents. At this point they’re focused more on toddlers than terrorists. They want to, instead of deporting felons, they’re deporting families that are being persecuted by criminal gangs.”

Poll: Majority Of Swing Voters Oppose Abolishing ICE. [Breitbart](#) (7/1, Binder, 1.28M) reports that the “vast majority of swing voters” across the US oppose calls to abolish ICE. A Harvard/Harris [poll](#) reveals that swing voters are “overwhelmingly opposed” to ending immigration enforcement across the US. The poll found that “nearly 3-in-4 swing voters, about 73 percent, of swing voters said they do not want ICE to be disbanded.”

Duckworth Suggests Other Options Aside From Abolishing ICE. Sen. Tammy Duckworth said on [CNN's State of the Union](#) (7/1, Tapper, 880K), "I think if you abolish I.C.E. as an executive agency it reflects the policies of the White House, of the President. ... Whatever you replace it with is just going to still reflect what this President wants to do." She added, "I think there's a lot of other things we could do before we get to that point, first of which you've got someone in the White House who has these policies which are horrendous and he still hasn't fixed." Asked whether she would support Sen. Ted Cruz's plan to keep families together and increase the number of judges at the border, she said, "I haven't seen the details of his plan" and "I can tell you if we have someone seeking asylum, they should be heard in a timely manner and we should process that case, and in the meantime not be separating families."

DHS News:

DHS ANNOUNCES VITIELLO TO SERVE AS ACTING ICE DIRECTOR. The [AP](#) (6/30) reports the Department of Homeland Security on Saturday announced acting Customs and Border Protection Deputy Commissioner Ronald Vitiello "will serve as deputy director of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and also take on the role of ICE's acting director." The AP says that Vitiello "was tapped to lead ICE after President Donald Trump's pick, Thomas Homan, took himself out of the running and said he'd retire this summer."

The [New York Times](#) (6/30, Nixon, 19.33M) reports that Vitiello "currently serves as the acting deputy commissioner of Customs and Border Protection, and previously served as the chief of the Border Patrol." The Senate "must approve a full-time director for ICE, with Mr. Vitiello now viewed as the leading candidate. 'I am pleased that ICE will continue to be led by an experienced and well-respected career law enforcement officer who will be a strong advocate for the agency's work force,'" Secretary Nielsen said in a statement announcing the appointment.

[Bloomberg News](#) (6/30, Talev, 4.46M) reports, "It wasn't clear from Nielsen's statement if or when the administration would seek to confirm a permanent director to ICE. 'I am pleased that ICE will continue to be led by an experienced and well-respected career law enforcement officer who will be a strong advocate for the agency's workforce,' Nielsen said in the statement, citing Vitiello's more than 30 years of experience." Nielsen "praised Homan has having helped lift employee morale at the agency to its highest level since 2010."

The [Washington Examiner](#) (6/30, Giaritelli, 340K) reports that Vitiello, 54, "started his federal career within the Department of Homeland Security in 1985 at Border Patrol's Laredo Station within the Laredo Sector in south-central Texas." According to the Examiner, "The Chicago native began working his way through the ranks and in 1997 became deputy assistant regional director of Border Patrol's Central Region Office in Dallas." In 2007, Vitiello "was transferred down to the Rio Grande Valley Sector in South Texas to serve as chief patrol agent of what is now the country's highest-traffic sector for illegal immigration," and "he oversaw 12,000 Border Patrol personnel in that role." He served as Border Patrol deputy chief from 2010 through July 2016, and "then was promoted to the executive assistant commissioner of operations support."

[CNN International](#) (6/29, Kopan) reports, "Vitiello has been a familiar face for the media as well, often speaking with reporters about the President's border wall project." Homan "had been able to serve temporarily in the role since the beginning of the Trump administration, despite never being confirmed by the Senate, because he had already been the deputy in line for the job," but "since Vitiello comes from a different agency, it's likely that federal law would prevent him from serving in the role in an acting capacity while also nominated to the Senate for the permanent position."

[Politico](#) (6/30, Griffiths, 3.51M) reports the "appointment comes at a critical time in ICE's history," as "after agitation from progressive activists, a number of Democratic lawmakers are pushing to abolish ICE, an agency that was created in the wake of the September 11 attacks."

[The Hill](#) (7/1, Samuels, 2.71M) reports, "Protests have broken out near ICE facilities in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Portland, Ore., in recent days, prompting the agency to put up barriers near entrances or after immigration hearings."

The [Washington Examiner](#) (7/1, Giaritelli, 340K) reports that Homan "wants President Trump to get tougher on Congress and pressure them into finally funding the 10,000 additional ICE employees he ordered be hired in an executive order a year and a half ago. 'I would like President Trump to work with Congress to get our needed resources. We need money to do our job,' Homan told the Washington Examiner during his final days in office. 'The president has tried. He talked about giving us 10,000 more officers. We haven't seen that happen yet because Congress hasn't funded it.'"

Border Wall:

TEXAS SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVES POSSIBLE BORDER WALL LAND SURVEY. The [AP](#) (7/1) reports from Rio

Grande City, TX, “A school district in a small Texas border city is letting the federal government review some of its land that could be used for border wall construction.” The Rio Grande City school board “this week approved a request from U.S. Customs and Border Protection to come onto district property for survey and site assessment.” School board President Daniel Garcia told the McAllen Monitor “that federal officials didn’t specify the reason for the assessment. Texas congressman Henry Cuellar says he met last week with U.S. officials who informed him they’re moving forward with trying to acquire land.”

FORMER BORDER PATROL AGENT ARGUES FOR BORDER WALL. In an opinion piece for [Fox News](#) (6/29, Judd, 16.38M), Brandon Judd, President of the National Border Patrol Council, writes, “If Democrats and the media elite truly cared about the safety of illegal immigrants, they’d be down on the border right now working to build the wall President Trump wants America to have.” Judd adds, “As a veteran Border Patrol agent, I know firsthand that a secure border with the big beautiful wall the president is building is the only humane and permanent solution to the crisis at the border.” According to Judd, “Despite Democratic obstruction, President Trump is building the wall now, and he will play hardball with Congress to ensure that the necessary funding to complete the wall is secured.” Judd argues, “Without a completed wall, thousands of illegal immigrants will continue to put their lives at risk.”

Border Security:

NUMBER OF MIGRANTS CAUGHT ENTERING US ILLEGALLY BETWEEN PORTS OF ENTRY DROPPED IN JUNE. The [Washington Examiner](#) (7/1, Giaritelli, 340K) reports that the number of migrants caught entering the country illegally from “between official ports of entry dropped in June following months of record-high levels since President Trump took office a year and a half ago, according to a report published Sunday evening.” Just more than “34,000 people were arrested at the border by agents during the month of June, down about 6,000 arrests from 40,000 in May, according to information a government official gave the Associated Press.”

DHS MADE FEWER BORDER ARRESTS IN JUNE, PRELIMINARY FIGURES SUGGEST. [The Hill](#) (6/30, Breland, 2.71M) cites [Reuters](#) (6/29, Torbati) in reporting preliminary Department of Homeland Security figures “project a 16 percent drop in arrests from a month ago, with an estimated about 34,000 being arrested in total in June.” The Hill says that in contrast, “in May, 40,344 were arrested on the southwest border – the highest amount in President Trump’s tenure.”

[Reuters](#) (6/29, Torbati) reports “border agents are on pace to arrest about 16 percent fewer people this month at the southwest border than in May, according to preliminary figures provided by an official at the Department of Homeland Security.” Reuters adds, “If current trends continue, about 34,000 people will be apprehended attempting to cross the U.S.-Mexico border illegally in June, said the official, who requested anonymity because the numbers are not final.” According to Reuters, “The drop in border apprehensions this month could be a response to” the Trump Administration’s “zero-tolerance” policy, “or a result of normal month-to-month fluctuations.” Reuters adds, “The reduction in numbers is far less dramatic than in the months following Trump’s taking office in January 2017.”

The [AP](#) (7/1, Spagat) reports, “Arrests were still more than double from 16,077 in June 2017, but the sharp decline from spring could undercut the Trump administration’s narrative of a border in crisis.” Customs and Border Protection “declined to comment on the numbers, saying it doesn’t discuss them as a matter of policy until public release ‘to ensure consistency and accuracy.’”

CONCERNS RAISED OVER USE OF MILITARY TO AID BORDER ENFORCEMENT. The [AP](#) (6/29, Burns) reports, “The Trump administration’s request for the Pentagon to house migrants detained at the U.S. southern border and even help prosecute them is prompting concern about strains to the military,” and “some call it an inappropriate mission. ‘We shouldn’t be militarizing border enforcement,’ Rep. Ro Khanna, a California Democrat, said in an interview.” The AP adds, “Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, who has made it his top priority to improve the military’s fitness for combat, argues that the Pentagon is nonetheless obliged to provide help with border enforcement.” According to the AP, “In recent days Mattis has accepted requests by the departments of Homeland Security and Health and Human Services to provide temporary housing on Air Force and Army bases for potentially tens of thousands of detained migrant families and unaccompanied children,” and Mattis has argued that “this is in line with historical precedents for military assistance.”

TRUMP: FIRST LADY SAW “THE DANGER” DURING HER BORDER VISITS. The [New York Post](#) (7/1, Schwab, 4.46M) reports President Trump said Sunday in an interview with Fox News that First Lady Melania Trump witnessed a “very sad situation” during her two visits to the US-Mexican border, but also “saw the danger.” Said the President, “She said it’s a very sad situation, very, very sad. She was really impressed with border patrol, how professional they were. ... And she saw the danger. She saw the – you look at it. It just looks like danger. In the meantime we have to have strong border protection.”

CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATION SEEKS TO LIMIT BORDER SEARCH ZONES. The [AP](#) (6/29) reports from Montpelier, VT that Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT) “wants to reduce the size of the zone in which border agents can question people about their immigration status.” According to the AP, “Currently, officers of the Department of Homeland Security have broad legal authority to stop vehicles and search private land, without warrants within 100 miles of the border,” and “the distance, which includes sea borders, means that most of New England, and two-thirds of the population of the United States, falls into the category.” Leahy, along with Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA), introduced legislation on Thursday that “would, among other things, reduce the ‘border zone’ to 25 miles.” Leahy and Murray “say the legislation is needed because Trump administration policies have been subjecting law-abiding citizens to needless and intrusive searches, including checkpoints in New Hampshire and Maine.”

BORDER PATROL AGENT: SMUGGLERS SOMETIMES FORCE ASYLUM SEEKERS TO CROSS US BORDER ILLEGALLY. [Business Insider](#) (6/30, Brown, 5.65M) reports, “Because of President Donald Trump’s new zero-tolerance policy, asylum seekers who cross illegally are already referred for prosecution instead of being sent to the ports of entry, which can delay and complicate the asylum process,” but “a US Border Patrol agent who operates in the McAllen sector along the Rio Grande River in Texas recently told Business Insider that smugglers sometimes force some asylum seekers to cross illegally. ‘The main reason is because the smuggling organizations control the border,’ the agent, Rene Quintanilla, told Business Insider. ‘So anytime [smugglers] see somebody that’s not from that area, they’ll flag them [and] they’ll start charging to get through their areas.’ ‘If these [immigrants and asylum seekers] go through these port of entries then the smuggler isn’t getting paid,’ Quintanilla said.”

Aviation Security:

TSA AGENTS INCREASINGLY REQUEST THAT PASSENGERS REMOVE FOOD ITEMS FROM CARRY-ONS. The [Washington Post](#) (6/29, Powers, 15.68M) reported, “Passengers at airports across the country – including all three of the Washington region’s major airports – are reporting a rise in TSA agents instructing them to remove their snacks and other food items from their carry-ons and place them in those ubiquitous plastic bins for a separate screening.” The article explained that the policy is based on a recommendation issued by TSA last year to help expedite the security check process. MWAA spokesperson Christina Saull “said that, so far, the new procedure has not led to longer wait times at either Reagan National or Dulles International airports.”

Immigration Policy:

CHILDREN CONTINUE TO BE SEPARATED FROM UNDOCUMENTED PARENTS IN NATION’S INTERIOR. The [Washington Post](#) (6/30, 15.68M) reports that while the Administration promises “to reunite families separated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) at the US border, a similar crisis continues unabated within the country’s interior, where children are separated from their undocumented parents with little scrutiny and increasing frequency.” ICE has, in recent months, “carried out the three biggest workplace immigration raids of the past decade, including one on June 5 at a nursery here in rural Ohio, where 114 gardeners, florists and other workers were detained and put into court proceedings for deportation.” Many had lived for several years in a nearby “trailer park of 74 homes known as Little Mexico, where now aid workers estimate that more than 90 children are missing one parent and at least 20 are left with no parent at all.”

Collins Concerned About Reunification Of Separated Families. Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) was asked on [ABC’s This Week](#) (7/1, Raddatz, 2.72M) about reunification of families separated at the border. Collins replied, “I’m very concerned about it. ... I had a lengthy discussion with the Secretary of Homeland Security and I really pressed her on this issue because so far only 500 children, it’s my understanding, have been reunited with their parents and some 2,000 remain in detention centers.” She added, “I think that’s traumatizing to these children and contrary to our American values.”

USA Today: Trump “Squanders Credibility” With Family Separations. [USA Today](#) (7/1, 11.4M) editorializes that “sometime in the not-too-distant future, the United States could face simultaneous crises, and the word of the White House would be crucial. ... Could the White House be believed? ... If the past few weeks are an indication, Americans couldn’t be sure.” USA Today writes that in “the still smoldering fiasco created by Trump’s decision to separate families crossing the border, double-talk from the White House abounded.” The editorial asks if a crisis emerges “and the public is desperate for straight talk, will there be anything left of Oval Office credibility? It’s hard to be confident that there will. And that, in itself, is a crisis.”

Former White House Director of Communications Anthony Scaramucci writes in an opposing [USA Today](#) (7/1, Scaramucci, 11.4M) op-ed that Trump “doesn’t have a credibility problem – but his chief of staff and the Democrats do.” He writes that in March 2017, then-DHS Secretary Kelly “appeared on television promoting child separation as a powerful deterrent to illegal immigration. However, as details emerged about the border situation, his close confidant and

successor at DHS, Kirstjen Nielsen, claimed there was no such policy. The messaging was as incompetent and dishonest as the policy was cruel and immoral, and people should be held accountable.”

ADMINISTRATION STILL DEALING WITH FALLOUT FROM “ZERO TOLERANCE” IMMIGRATION POLICY. The [AP](#) (7/1, Long, Alonso-Zaldivar) reports that in recent Senate testimony, HHS Secretary Azar “could barely conceal his discomfort” as a Democratic senator asked “whether his agency had a role in designing the Trump administration’s ‘zero tolerance’ policy that caused” migrant children to be separated from their parents. Azar replied, “We deal with the children once they’re given to us. ... So we don’t – we are not the experts on immigration.” The AP says separating families “while sidelining the agency responsible for caring for the children was only one example of a communication breakdown in the federal government that left immigrant children in limbo, parents in the dark about their whereabouts and enraged Americans across the country.” The Administration “is still dealing with the fallout: It’s still not clear how officials will implement the policy or comply with a court order requiring that families be reunited within 30 days. Instead, the administration is hoping Congress will fix the mess.”

HHS TO REVIEW FULL CASELOAD OF 12,000 IMMIGRANT CHILDREN TO DETERMINE REUNIONS. An official at the Department of Health and Human Services told the [AP](#) (6/30) on Friday that HHS “is reviewing its entire caseload of about 12,000 migrant children in federal care to determine who might be covered by a judge’s ruling requiring that kids separated from their parents be reunited.” However, the official insisted that the audit “will not slow down the work of reuniting families.”

Meanwhile, [Bloomberg News](#) (6/29, Sink, 4.46M) reports the Administration “has offered little indication of how it will reunite thousands of children separated from their families under the president’s immigration policies, heightening concern that the government could fail to comply with a federal judge’s order to expedite the process.” Bloomberg adds that while HHS Secretary Azar “told lawmakers Tuesday that his department was applying new resources to the problem, and said that by using a ‘portal’ maintained by the Office of Refugee Resettlement he was able to quickly locate immigrant children,” a spokesman for the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) “said that the agency would only report the total number of immigrant children it’s detaining, which includes a larger number who came across the border alone.”

House Republicans To Investigate ORR Over Handling Of Migrant Children. [The Hill](#) (6/29, Hellmann, 2.71M) reports Republicans on the House Energy & Commerce Committee have sent a letter to HHS Secretary Azar asking for answers about the Office of Refugee Resettlement. The Hill says that the lawmakers “asked for answers to a series of questions about children in ORR custody, including: how many are in ORR custody as a result of being separated from their parents or families; does ORR have the resources to properly care for the high number of children being transferred to their custody; what steps is ORR taking to track and address issues of abuse within HHS funded facilities and what medications is ORR authorized to administer.” They asserted, “Given HHS’ historical difficulties in properly caring for [the children], the committee believes that additional scrutiny of ORR is warranted at this time.”

Senate Minority Whip Condemns Administration Over Lack Of Progress Reuniting Immigrant Families. [The Hill](#) (6/29, Carney, 2.71M) reports Senate Minority Whip Dick Durbin (D-IL) on Friday “knocked the Trump administration’s effort to reunite migrant families separated at the U.S.–Mexico border following a closed-door briefing with senators this week.” In a series of tweets, Durbin [said](#), “It was clear from my meeting yesterday that the Administration is working harder to stop the court-ordered reunification of these families than returning the kids. In the well-worn words of President Trump: sad.” He also [said](#), “Hundreds of infants and toddlers have been taken from their parents by our government, but ICE can only match ten parents to their child as of now. Cruelty and incompetence at work by the Trump Administration.”

Illegal Immigrant Families Being Reunited. The [New York Times](#) (6/29, McDonald, 19.33M) reports “the federal government has reunified hundreds” of illegal immigrant families “in recent weeks, but many still remain separated.” The article highlights one family that was separated for 40 days after crossing illegally into the US. The mother and her two children are “pursuing separate asylum claims,” but will be allowed to remain together for the duration of their cases. The [Washington Post](#) (6/29, Brigida, 15.68M) details the reunification of Arnovis Guidos Portillo and his daughter, after he was deported back to El Salvador without his child while illegally crossing the border. The Post adds “Guidos and his daughter are the first known case of a family reunification on Salvadoran soil after a forced separation.” The country claims that “at least three” illegal migrants were deported from the US without their children.

Lawsuit Alleges Illegal Immigrant Child’s Mental Health Was Affected By Family Separation. The [Washington Post](#) (6/29, Davis, 15.68M) reports a new lawsuit filed against the Department of Health and Human Services in California alleges a 12-year-old caught crossing the US-Mexico border alone in February “went from being calm and cooperative to showing signs of depression brought on by ‘being kept from his family,’” which had crossed into the US illegally ahead of him. The boy “has been transferred to a psychiatric facility in Texas and placed on a regimen of antidepressants,” and officials are refusing to release him to an adult sister in Los Angeles. Leecia Welch, an attorney for the National Center for Youth Law, one of the groups that brought the case, said that “Basic due-process rights” are being “trampled,” by the

Trump Administration, adding that “parents of children are going through the ringer trying to get their kids out of these detention facilities.”

NYTimes: Americans Must Demand Trump Reunite Illegal Immigrant Families. In an editorial, the [New York Times](#) (6/29, 19.33M) argues separating families caught illegally crossing the US-Mexico border exemplifies “cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.” The Times adds “The Trump administration has committed a gross offense,” and calls on all Americans to “demand that it promptly reunite these children with their parents.”

ADMINISTRATION SUED ON BEHALF OF IMMIGRANT MINORS OVER DETENTION PRACTICES. The [Wall Street Journal](#) (6/29, Lazo, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) reports the National Center for Youth Law and the Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law on Friday filed a lawsuit in Los Angeles federal court on behalf of five detained immigrant minors against the Administration over its policy of detaining the children without their families, for refusing to release them to their guardians, and for improperly using psychotropic drugs to medicate the minors.

DHS IG Criticizes ICE Over Inadequate Detention Facilities. [The Hill](#) (6/30, Samuels, 2.71M) “Briefing Room” blog says the Department of Homeland Security’s inspector general in a report released last week “found Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) does an inadequate job of inspecting its facilities and correcting poor practices.” The Hill reports the DHS IG “said...ICE’s detention centers do not regularly comply with agency standards, and cited a lack of follow-up on problems identified during sweeps at its roughly 200 facilities.” The Hill adds that the IG “was particularly critical of the Nakamoto Group, a company that is contracted to perform inspections at about 100 facilities each year. It called the company’s inspection process ‘too broad,’ and ‘not always thorough.’”

NYTimes Analysis: Family Reunifications Going “Painfully Slow.” The [New York Times](#) (6/30, Correal, 19.33M) reports that “with protests being held around the country on Saturday to demand the reunification of parents and children separated at the border, progress on putting families back together has been painfully slow.” According to the Times, “despite a federal judge’s order requiring reunification within 30 days, more than 2,000 children remain scattered across 17 states, including some 300 in New York.” The Times adds “their parents too have been sent around the country – to detention centers in Arizona, Colorado and as far away as Washington State.” While the Department of Health and Human Services “cit[ed] the possibility that human traffickers might pose as parents [and] said that the government intends to aggressively ‘vet’ those who wish to gain custody of children,” the Times adds the officials “declined to say how many children had been reunited with their relatives since President Trump ended the separation policy with an executive order more than a week ago.”

Media Outlets Partner To Track Down Immigrant Children Separated From Parents. [The Hill](#) (6/30, Gstalter, 2.71M) reports BuzzFeed News, ProPublica, The Intercept, Univision News, Animal Politico, and Plaza Publica last week announced a partnership “to track down information about the migrant children being held in detention centers and shelters across the country after being separated from their families upon crossing the U.S.-Mexico border.” The Hill adds “the media outlets said they hope to crowdsource information because the federal government is not providing any to state agencies.”

FEDERAL COURTS IN CALIFORNIA POISED TO START FAST-TRACKING IMMIGRATION HEARINGS, ATTORNEYS SAY. The [Los Angeles Times](#) (6/30, Davis, 4.03M) reports a delegation “from San Diego that included attorneys and a federal judge” recently visited Tucson, Arizona to observe the process that the city uses to manage immigration hearings, “known there and in other Southwest border cities as Operation Streamline – because a similar fast-track system is headed to California to handle the burgeoning caseload under the Trump administration’s ‘zero tolerance’ crackdown on illegal immigration.” The Times adds “the program is tentatively set to begin in San Diego federal court on July 9, according to attorneys.” A spokeswoman for the US Attorney’s Office said, “We are committed to securing the border by enforcing criminal immigration laws in a way that respects due process and the dignity of all involved. ... We are working collaboratively with the court, the defense bar and law enforcement to set up a process that accomplishes both goals.”

DOJ PROPOSES TO DETAIN MIGRANT FAMILIES LONGER THAN 20 DAYS. The [Washington Post](#) (6/29, Barrett, 15.68M) reports the Justice Department on Friday revealed “plans to detain migrant families together in custody rather than release them, according to a new court filing that suggests such detentions could last longer than the 20 days envisioned by a court settlement.” The Post adds “the filing comes as the Justice Departments seeks to navigate two different court edicts – an injunction issued this week by a federal judge in San Diego that required the government to begin reuniting the roughly 2,000 migrant children still separated from their families, and an older court settlement in federal court in Los Angeles that requires the immigration agencies to release minors in their custody if they are held for more than 20 days.”

[The Hill](#) (6/29, Bowden, 2.71M) reported that the Administration may seek to “detain migrant families together for months at detention facilities as they await prosecution for illegal entry, according to a court filing from the Justice Department.” While the filing did not specify the potential length of time immigrant families would be detained, immigration proceedings typically take months. [Reuters](#) (6/30) reports, “A 1997 court settlement known as the Flores agreement has generally been interpreted to require the Department of Homeland Security to release illegal immigrant children from custody after 20 days,” but “Justice Department lawyers said in the filing in U.S. District Court in California on Friday that they now have no choice but to hold children for as long as it takes to resolve their immigration cases, because of a preliminary injunction issued on Tuesday in a separate immigration case.” Reuters adds, “That case, brought by the American Civil Liberties Union in San Diego, challenged the recent government policy of separating families in order to detain parents for as long as necessary under President Donald Trump’s ‘zero-tolerance’ policy.”

The [AP](#) (6/29, Galvan) reports, “The Trump administration says a ruling this week by a federal judge in San Diego requiring the government to reunify families separated at the border means authorities can legally keep families detained until their cases are complete.” According to the AP, “The interpretation means immigrant families could spend months or even years in detention – even those seeking asylum – because of a years-long backlog in immigration court.” The Justice Department “has said cases in which immigrants remain detained move through the system quicker than if they are released, but the backlog is still thousands of cases deep. ‘The Trump Administration has been engaged – since January of 2017 – in restoring order to the lawlessness at the Southwest border and protecting our nation’s citizens, but we are beholden to a broken immigration system that Congress has refused to fix and that courts have exacerbated,’ the department said in a news release.”

[USA Today](#) (6/29, Korte, Gomez, 11.4M) reports, “In a court filing late Friday, the Justice Department said it would fully comply with a judge’s order to reunite families it has separated as a result of President Donald Trump’s ‘zero tolerance’ policy,” but “the government’s attorneys argued that they can detain those families together and remain in compliance with a series of U.S. laws and court orders.” USA adds, “More than 2,000 migrant children have been separated from parents suspected of crossing the border illegally as the Trump administration has jailed the parents. ‘We understand the courts to have provided that minors who are apprehended with families may not be separated from their parents where it is determined that continued detention is appropriate for the parent,’ said acting Assistant Attorney General Chad Readler in the court filing,” but “what that also means, he said, is that the government should not have to release either the parents or the children within the time frames of the Flores settlement.”

DOJ Planning To Further Tighten Asylum Rules. [Vox](#) (6/29, Lind, 1.66M) reports that the Justice Department is drafting a plan that would “totally overhaul asylum policy in the United States.” According to a draft of the plan obtained exclusively by Vox, “people would be barred from getting asylum if they came into the US between ports of entry and were prosecuted for illegal entry.” The draft plan would “also add presumptions that would make it extremely difficult for Central Americans to qualify for asylum, and codify – in an even more restrictive form – an opinion” written by Attorney General Sessions in June “that attempted to restrict asylum for victims of domestic and gang violence.” [The Hill](#) (6/29, Bernal, 2.71M) reports the Justice Department “did not immediately return a request for comment on the Vox report.”

[Axios](#) (6/29, Kight, 2.49M) says Sessions “implemented the zero-tolerance policy in order to deter immigrants from unlawfully crossing the border,” but the approach outlined in the draft “takes that strategy to a whole new level.” Axios also warns that if this draft became regulation, “it would likely face legal pushback.” Former DOJ immigration lawyer Leon Fresco “told Axios it would be illegal to prevent someone from obtaining asylum simply because they crossed the border without permission.”

House Democrats Seek Watchdog Investigations Into Administration’s Immigration Policy. [The Hill](#) (6/29, Weixel, 2.71M) reports that “top House Democrats are asking federal agency watchdogs for a broad investigation” into the Administration’s zero-tolerance immigration policies, “including the separation of children from their parents, as well as the recent executive order intended to partially roll them back.” The lawmakers sent a letter Friday to the inspectors general of HHS, DHS, and the Department of Justice asking for a review of the Administration’s “entire process for planning and implementing its immigration plan.” The letter was signed by Reps. Elijah E. Cummings, Jerry Nadler, Bennie Thompson, Bobby Scott, and Frank Pallone, Jr., the “top Democrats on the House Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, the Judiciary, Homeland Security, Education and the Workforce, and Energy and Commerce.”

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION ACCUSED OF SEPARATING IMMIGRANT FAMILIES WHO SOUGHT ASYLUM AT PORTS OF ENTRY. The [Los Angeles Times](#) (7/1, Esquivel, 4.03M) reports that “the practice of separating families appears to have begun accelerating last year, long before zero tolerance was announced in the spring. Among these cases, according to records and interviews, are many that happened at ports of entry” as immigrants sought asylum in the US. The article adds, “Administration officials have said repeatedly that asylum seekers who don’t want to be separated from their children should present themselves at a port of entry. Doing so is the legal way to ask for asylum, they said.” However, court documents “describe numerous cases in recent months in which families were separated after presenting

themselves at a port of entry to ask for asylum.” Attorneys contend that this happened even when asylum seekers had identification and documents proving they were the children’s parents.

NBC NEWS: TRUMP ADMINISTRATION RAN “PILOT PROGRAM” FOR SEPARATING MIGRANT FAMILIES IN 2017.

[NBC News](#) (6/29, 5.76M) reports from El Paso, TX, “The government was separating migrant parents from their kids for months prior to the official introduction of zero tolerance, running what a U.S. official called a ‘pilot program’ for widespread prosecutions in Texas, but apparently did not create a clear system for parents to track or reunite with their kids.” NBC News adds, “Officials have said that at least 2,342 children were separated from their parents after being apprehended crossing the border unlawfully since May 5, when the Trump administration’s ‘zero tolerance’ policy towards migrants went into effect,” but “numbers provided to NBC News by the Department of Homeland Security show that another 1,768 were separated from their parents between October 2016 and February 2018, bringing the total number of separated kids to more than 4,100.”

LAWMAKERS OPPOSE USING MILITARY TO ASSIST WITH BORDER ENFORCEMENT

The [AP](#) (6/29, Burns) reports “the Trump administration’s request for the Pentagon to house migrants detained at the U.S. southern border and even help prosecute them is prompting concern about strains to the military” while “some call it an inappropriate mission.” Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA) said, “We shouldn’t be militarizing border enforcement.” Sens. Joni Ernst (R-IA), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), and Patrick Leahy (D-VT) in a letter to Defense Secretary Mattis last week said they were “deeply troubled” the Pentagon is lending 21 military lawyers to the Justice Department to help with the “non-military mission” of prosecuting immigration cases. Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL) said, “We certainly should not be using our nation’s vital military bases for non-defense purposes.” Rep. Jodey Arrington (R-TX) said, “I am not convinced at this point that housing [immigrant minors] in our military installations is the best short-term answer, especially if it harms regular base operations, crowds our service members, and distracts from the mission of defense.”

CONGRESS BEGINS FOURTH OF JULY RECESS WITHOUT TAKING ACTION TO STOP IMMIGRANT FAMILY SEPARATIONS.

In a brief broadcast, [ABC World News Tonight](#)’s (6/29, story 6, 0:40, Muir, 6.53M) David Muir said Congress has “left town for the Independence Day holiday without taking any action on immigration.” [USA Today](#) (6/29, Kelly, 11.4M) reports “House and Senate leaders had expressed hope that Congress could act quickly this week to pass a narrow bill that would allow migrant children to remain with their parents at detention centers beyond the current 20-day limit,” but “both chambers adjourned Thursday without a solution. They will return on July 9.”

[The Hill](#) (6/29, Wise, 2.71M) reports Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA) on Friday [tweeted](#) footage of his speech on the House floor and said, “Congress just left for another week of recess. Meanwhile, there’s still thousands of children waiting to be reunited with their parents because of @realDonaldTrump’s evil child separation policy. To the Republican-controlled Congress: Have a nice vacation. #KeepFamiliesTogether.”

Rep. Denham: Sufficient Bipartisan Support Exists To Pass “Dreamer” Bill. On [MSNBC’s Morning Joe](#) (6/29, 1.06M), Rep. Jeff Denham (R-CA), who worked with Democrats to try to force a vote on legislation that would provide amnesty for those covered by President Obama’s DACA order, said, “On the overall ‘Dreamer’ issue we have got quite a few partners on the Democrat side.” Denham added, “There are extremes in both parties that want to politicize the issue and use it for political gain, but there are enough of us that just want to get it done in a bipartisan way. We were going that route on the discharge petition. We have to go along that route as we do narrow bills and the first bill has to be keeping families together. ... We have to deal with the kids being separated issue first and move on to ‘Dreamers,’ but they have to happen quickly.”

Rep. Granger Blocking Efforts To Cut Aid To Central American Nations. [McClatchy](#) (6/29, Drusch, 81K) reports that while Rep. Kay Granger (R-TX) is “rarely a vocal critic of President Donald Trump’s policies, so far Granger is bucking his administration on foreign aid.” Granger, the chair of a task force on immigration and “an expert on the crisis in Central America,” said, “The catch we’ve got is a humanitarian response to these children, but we also have to understand the enormous threats... the violence in those countries that really brings parents and children across our border.” In addition, according to McClatchy, “Granger’s panel has so far bucked the White House’s request for drastic cuts.”

NumbersUSA Sees Opportunity For Lawmakers To Enact Tough Immigration Measures. “These are heady days for Roy Beck and NumbersUSA,” [McClatchy](#) (6/29, Woodel, 81K) says, as over “the past year, the hardline immigration policies they’ve long championed have gained headlines and support.” However, McClatchy reports “NumbersUSA’s tough message puts it at odds with organizations funded by bigger names, including the Libre Initiative, which this spring launched a highly-publicized seven-figure ad campaign in support of Dreamers.” McClatchy adds “the groups stand for opposing wings of the Republican party, with Libre representing the more moderate business lobby.” Beck, the group’s founder, told McClatchy, “The more that Congress is dealing with immigration, the higher the funding” for his organization to spread its message.

NONPROFIT GROUP SAYS IT HAS DATA TO HELP REUNITE 2,000 MIGRANT CHILDREN WITH FAMILIES. The [Dallas Morning News](#) (6/29, Solis, 1.05M) reports, “A nonprofit has created a database that could help more than 2,000 immigrant children be swiftly reconnected with their parents even as lawyers and advocates become increasingly frustrated about not knowing where many of the children are.” According to the News, “The database will allow parents and legal representatives who are trying to locate separated children to submit inquiries by phone and email,” and “from there, the Vera Institute of Justice, a New York-based nonprofit, and its partners hope to connect the families with attorneys to work on the immigrants’ legal cases.” The News adds, “Vera has a federal legal services contract and distributes funds to other agencies around the nation to perform legal orientation in shelters for unaccompanied immigrant children, including those taken from their parents as part of Trump’s immigration enforcement effort.”

SALVADORAN MIGRANT REUNITES WITH SON AT DULLES. The [New York Times](#) (7/1, Jordan, 19.33M) reports on the transport fees and red tape facing the sponsors of migrant children. The article mentions that “Brenda, a Salvadoran migrant who was separated from her 7-year-old son Kevin at the border on May 27, was charged \$576.20 to cover the boy’s airfare from Miami to Virginia. His escort collected the money order at Washington Dulles airport on Friday upon handing over the child to his mother.” [CNN](#) (6/29, 82.6M) featured footage of Brenda’s reunion with her son at Dulles.

The [WTOP-FM](#) Washington (6/30, 246K) website, [Mother Jones](#) (7/1, Vongkiatkajorn, 931K), and [Daily Caller](#) (6/29, Johnson, 420K) also reported on the reunion.

This story was covered on local television by [WJLA-TV](#) Washington (6/29, 11:16 p.m. EDT, 35K).

POLL: AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR LEGAL IMMIGRATION GROWING. [Bloomberg News](#) (6/29, Griffin, 4.46M) reports President Trump’s travel ban and his immigration crackdown on the southern border “make it easy to overlook broader acceptance among Americans for legal immigration.” Roughly “one in three Americans supports increasing legal immigration to the United States, according to a Pew Research Center study released Thursday.” Bloomberg adds 38 percent said legal immigration “should be kept at its current level, while 24 percent said that it should be decreased.”

WITH BAN UPHELD, US TRAVEL COMPANIES WELCOME INTERNATIONAL VISITORS. The [New York Times](#) (6/29, Glusac, 19.33M) reports the US “travel industry is hoping to turn the page on a bad public relations chapter in the wake of the Supreme Court decision upholding the travel ban on five Muslim-majority nations as well as North Korea and some travelers from Venezuela.” American “travel companies are pivoting from expressions of concern to those of welcome aimed at reassuring international travelers across the spectrum of nationality and religion.” Some industry leaders “acknowledged the need for border security while maintaining their commitment to hospitality,” but others have been “more outspoken.” Airbnb, for example, “said its business had not been affected by the tumult, neither at home nor abroad, and did not expect the Supreme Court decision to impact its future business.”

NYTIMES A1 CHRONICLES COSTS TO BE SMUGGLED ACROSS US BORDER. In a more than 5,600-word front-page article, the [New York Times](#) (6/30, A1, Kulish, 19.33M) relates how one illegal immigrant’s experience “provides an unusually detailed anatomy of the price of the journey.” The Times conducted “extensive interviews with him and his family, and reviewed contemporaneous photographs, text messages, receipts and GPS positions” to break down the various costs of the trek and “also interviewed dozens of experts, academics, and current and former law enforcement officials about the underground economy of human smuggling.” In addition, the Times says its “reporters reviewed more than 200 recent criminal complaints in smuggling cases along the southwest border, including those brought against drivers, stash-house operators, foot guides and migrants.”

VOTER PANEL REFLECTS ON IMMIGRATION POLICY. In an immigration policy panel in California for the [CBS Weekend News](#) (6/30, story 9, 2:35, Ninan, 2.62M), two liberal voters, one independent voter, and three conservative voters shared their thoughts on the Administration’s border policies

Immigration Enforcement:

HOMAN BLASTS CRITICS OF ICE AGENTS. Appearing on [Fox News’ Fox & Friends](#) (6/29, 1.81M), acting ICE director Tom Homan said he is “sickened...by the attacks on ICE officers,” who he described as “American heroes.” Homan said his agents are “vilified by members of Congress and some in the media.” Homan also pointed out that those calling for the abolition of ICE over the family-separation controversy do not seem to realize that “ICE doesn’t separate families on the border, that is Border Patrol. They are different agencies, so they need to get their facts straight.” Homan went on to blame Congress for not closing the “loopholes” that force the separation of families who cross the border illegally.

Manhattan Immigration Court Begins Video Only Hearings. The [Wall Street Journal](#) (6/29, Porter, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) reports Manhattan’s immigration court on Thursday began holding hearings solely over video conference in response to recent protests against Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT REFERRED TO ICE AFTER ARREST ON RAPE CHARGES. The [AP](#) (6/30) reports Brazilian illegal immigrant Antonio Ferreira has been referred to Immigration and Customs Enforcement following an arrest for rape and assault charges in Massachusetts. Ferreira was previously removed from the US in 2007, and will be deported again after serving his sentence if he is found guilty.

The [Boston Herald](#) (7/1, 363K) reports, "Barnstable Sheriff James M. Cummings said it is not known when Antonio Ferreira illegally re-entered the United States after he was put on a plane in Dallas and flown back to Brazil in 2007 per order of an immigration judge." Ferreira "was arrested by Cummings' deputy sheriffs last week on an active warrant out of Barnstable Superior Court charging him with rape, assault and battery and soliciting a felony." The Herald adds, "Cummings' office this year became a working partner of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement under its 287(g) program," and Ferreira "is the department's first alleged immigration offender to be identified." Rebecca J. Adducci, "interim field director of ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations in Boston, said she values cooperation from law enforcement partners like Cummings because 'it allows for the removal of dangerous criminal illegal aliens like Ferreira.'" [Cape Cod \(MA\) Today](#) (6/29) also reports.

REP. HULTGREN SEEKS TO HALT LITHUANIAN'S EXTRADITION. The [AP](#) (7/1) reports from Chicago that Rep. Randy Hultgren, who represents "the Illinois district where an ex-Lithuanian parliamentarian and judge lived before being jailed in Chicago at Lithuania's request has proposed legislation to suspend extradition proceedings until a decision on her political-asylum request." Hultgren (R-IL) "introduced the bill last week." Lithuania "wants 47-year-old Neringa Venckiene on slander and other charges stemming from her allegations that a ring of Lithuanian pedophiles victimized her 4-year-old niece." Hultgren's bill "is called the 'Give Judge Venckiene Her Day in Court Act.'" Venckiene "fears those angered by her allegations could kill her in Lithuania."

ICE ARRESTS THREE FROM EL SALVADOR IN NEW MEXICO. The [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (6/30, 215K) reports from Santa Fe, NM, "U.S. Immigration and Customs (ICE) says three ICE 'fugitives' from El Salvador have been arrested in Santa Fe." According to the Journal, "An ICE statement in response to Journal questions says that on June 13 and 14 in Santa Fe, the agency 'administratively arrested' a 46-year-old man with a 'final order of removal' from 2005 and who has previously been deported twice, in 2009 and 2013; a 38-year-old man who had been ordered removed in absentia in 2005; and a 32-year-old woman who was ordered removed in absentia in 2014." All three "remain in ICE custody pending their removal to El Salvador, ICE said." The Journal adds, "There have been unconfirmed reports of ICE arresting many restaurant workers over the past two weeks," and Marcela Díaz, "executive director of immigrants rights group Somos Un Pueblo Unido, said Friday that she hadn't heard anything about 'dozens' of restaurant workers being taken," but "she said it's clear ICE has become increasingly aggressive."

CALIFORNIA GREEN CARD HOLDER AVOIDS DEPORTATION. The [Los Angeles Daily News](#) (6/29, Gazzar, 241K) reports, "Jose Luis Garcia and his family members wept and supporters cheered after the longtime green-card holder who was picked up by immigration officials earlier this month was granted his application for relief in immigration court Friday, meaning he no longer faces deportation." Garcia, 62, of Arleta, CA, "was set to be released Friday night from an Immigration and Customs Enforcement processing office in Santa Ana, according to his immigration attorney Mackenzie Mackins." Garcia "was born in Mexico and came to this country when he was 13 years old." Garcia, "who works as a machine operator, Uber driver and personal trainer, was picked up by ICE officials on June 10 as he watered his lawn and sipped his morning coffee."

Criminal Investigations:

NYTIMES ANALYSIS: TRUMP MS-13 CLAIM "AN EXAGGERATION." The [New York Times](#) (7/1, Fortin, 19.33M) reports that in a series of tweets on Saturday, the President defended ICE, [saying](#), "I have watched ICE liberate towns from the grasp of MS-13 & clean out the toughest of situations." The Times says his claim "is an exaggeration." While ICE agents have arrested "hundreds of MS-13 members in recent months," Trump "did not present evidence to show that any particular towns had been liberated from the gang," and it is "unclear which towns Mr. Trump was referring to, and neither the White House nor ICE immediately responded to requests for clarification on Saturday."

Woman Fleeing MS-13 In El Salvador Laments Separation From Children. Jessika L., a woman from El Salvador who is part of a class-action lawsuit against ICE filed by the ACLU, writes in [USA Today](#) (7/1, 11.4M) that she fled her home and crossed into the US on March 13 "in search of safety for myself and my sons, ages 4 and 10. We had fled for our lives from El Salvador, where MS-13 gang members had threatened to kill us. We turned ourselves in to the first Border Patrol officers we saw after crossing into Texas," where she was separated from her sons. She was eventually reunited with them nearly three months later, but "still think[s] about other mothers who are sick with worry about their own children who were taken from them."

BORDER AGENTS SEIZE \$1.7 MILLION IN FENTANYL FROM CHINA AT PHILADELPHIA PORT. [Fox News](#) (7/1, 16.38M) reports, "A routine inspection at a Philadelphia port last week resulted in the confiscation of \$1.7 million worth of the dangerous opioid fentanyl, which had been shipped from China, federal authorities said." According to Fox News, "A drug-sniffing dog detected the fentanyl inside barrels of iron oxide," and "U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents found 50 packages of the 'white, powdery substance,' a CBP release said." Officers "later positively identified the substance as fentanyl." Authorities said, "The drugs weighed a total of 110 pounds, and had a street value of \$34,000 per kilogram."

Secret Service:

COMEDIAN CLAIMS SECRET SERVICE VISITED HIM AFTER PRANK CALL TO PRESIDENT. [Fox News](#) (6/30, Shaw, 16.38M) reports that comedian John Melendez, "who was patched through to President Trump on Air Force One after impersonating a Democratic senator," "claimed on Saturday he was visited by the Secret Service after his prank went public." Melendez tweeted Saturday "that he had been visited by the Secret Service, though he said he didn't answer the door." The [Washington Post](#) (6/30, Wootson, Sonmez, 15.68M) reports that Melendez "said that agents later identified themselves to his neighbors." [The Hill](#) (6/30, Anapol, 2.71M) reports Melendez "blasted the Secret Service attempt to arrest him as 'unbelievable,' tweeting that they should arrest presidential adviser and son-in-law Jared Kushner 'for putting the call through.'"

[The Hill](#) (7/1, Gstalter, 2.71M) reports that Melendez tweeted late Sunday night that he has "hired Stormy Daniels's attorney Michael Avenatti to represent him." Melendez says that he is to meet with the Secret Service on Monday.

Emergency Response:

JUDGE EXTENDS PROGRAM PAYING FOR HURRICANE MARIA VICTIMS' HOTEL STAYS. The [CBS Weekend News](#) (7/1, story 11, 0:30, Quijano, 5.32M) reported that Hurricane Maria evacuees living in hotels have gotten a "short reprieve" as a federal judge "temporarily extended the program that's been paying for their stay." The program was "set to expire at midnight Sunday, but will now end on Tuesday."

FEMA Notifying Hotels Following Judge's Maria Aid Decision. Representatives of FEMA are complying with a judge's order to provide Transitional Sheltering Assistance benefits to Hurricane Maria-displaced Puerto Ricans who evacuated to the US mainland, according to many of the news outlets covering recent developments related to that aid effort. [ABC News](#) (7/1, Hoyos, 1.85M) reports on its website that "William Booher, FEMA's public affairs director, said the agency is working to notify hotels that the TSA program has been extended until July 5." The story highlights that the notification effort began after US District Judge Leo Sorokin "ruled that the program will continue until at least midnight July 3, 2018, enabling people to stay until checkout time on July 4, 2018." The [AP](#) (7/1, Betancourt, Kennedy) reports that while "FEMA declined to comment" on a lawsuit which led to Sorokin's Saturday night ruling, the "Orlando Sentinel reports the agency confirmed it was working to notify hotels to extend" TSA aid. The [Orlando \(FL\) Sentinel](#) (7/1, Ocasio, 593K) is one of a number of other media outlets running similar coverage of this story.

Coast Guard:

COAST GUARD AIDS RESCUE OF AMERICANS AFTER FATAL BOAT EXPLOSION IN BAHAMAS. The [CBS Weekend News](#) (7/1, story 3, 1:40, Quijano, 5.32M) reported, "In the Bahamas, one American woman was killed and seven others were injured after a tourist boat exploded. Officials say there were 12 people on board, ten Americans and two Bahamians. The cause is under investigation." CBS added, "The Coast Guard deployed its HC-130 from Clearwater, Florida, after the royal Bahamas Police Force asked for help. That Coast Guard crew landed in Exuma and flew back, taking four people to its air station." [CNN](#) (7/1, Brocchetto, Grinberg, 82.6M) reports that at "least one American tourist is dead and ten people were injured after a tour boat exploded in the Bahamas, according to the Royal Bahamas Police Force."

COAST GUARD RESCUES SEVEN FROM LIFEBOAT OFF ALASKA. The [AP](#) (6/29) reports that the Coast Guard "rescued seven people from a lifeboat Friday morning in southeast Alaska waters after their fishing boat ran aground and sank."

COAST GUARD: DESPITE VERMONT LAW CHANGE, POT STILL ILLEGAL ON LAKE CHAMPLAIN. The [AP](#) (7/1) reports that the Coast Guard is "reminding boaters that despite Vermont's new law legalizing recreational marijuana, the use of marijuana remains illegal on Lake Champlain." The Coast Guard "says crews will continue to enforce all federal laws, including those relating to the transport, use and possession of marijuana."

Cyber News:

IN BID TO LIFT US BAN, ZTE OVERHAULS BOARD. [Reuters](#) (6/29, Wong) reports Chinese telecom ZTE Corp. announced a new board today “in a radical management shakeup as part of a \$1.4 billion deal with the United States, moving it closer towards getting a devastating American supplier ban lifted.” Reuters says that the management overhaul was “among the conditions laid out in a settlement deal to have the ban lifted.” Li Zixue was elected as the company’s new chairman, ZTE said in exchange filings. [Bloomberg News](#) (6/29, 4.46M) reports ZTE also “said its former board of 14 resigned as it elected a new board of eight.”

DATA BREACH EXPOSES PERSONAL DETAILS OF FBI, CBP AGENTS. [ZDNet](#) (6/29, 207K) reported a database containing personal details of thousands of US law enforcement officers has been exposed. The backend database, which dates back to April 2017, “powers the website of Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training – known as ALERRT – at Texas State University.” The Texas-based organization “provides training to law enforcement and civilians around the US in an effort to prevent or disrupt active shooter incidents. Since its inception in 2002, ALERRT has received tens of millions of dollars in funding from the Justice Department, Homeland Security, and several state governments.”

[Newsweek](#) (6/29, Murdock, 2.18M) reported staff from the FBI, Customs and Border Protection and US Border Patrol. The leaked information “was left online without password protection, also included emails about enrollment classes and complaints about a lack of departmental resources. One database table allegedly contained identifying information for more than 17,000 course instructors.” The [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (6/29, Blake, 460K) also covered this story.

DHS Subpoenas Twitter For Information On Data Breach Finder’s Account. [ZDNet](#) (7/1, Whittaker, 207K) reports DHS served Twitter with a subpoena to gain the account information of a New Zealand national “credited with finding several large caches of exposed and leaking data.” Immigration and Customs Enforcement served the subpoena to Twitter on April 24, demanding information about the user Flash Gordon, whose most recent find “included an exposed cache of law enforcement data by ALERRT, a Texas State University-based organization, which trains police and civilians against active shooters.” The subpoena requested his “screen name, address, phone number – and any other identifying information about the account, including credit cards on the account,” as well as “the account’s IP address history, member lists, and any complaints filed against the Twitter account.”

AUBURN PROFESSOR WARNS RUSSIAN HACKING COULD DISRUPT US AGRICULTURE SYSTEMS. The [Auburn \(AL\) Plainsman](#) (6/30, Lanzi, 29K) reported Bob Norton, chair of the Auburn University Food System Institute’s Food and Water Defense Working Group, warns about the “potential dangers that state-sponsored Russian hacking poses to U.S. infrastructure, specifically agriculture and water supplies.” Norton fears “foreign entities could, in a complex process, harm multiple critical infrastructures due to their interconnectivity.” In particular, he expressed concerns about “cascading effects,” explaining they are where “one critical infrastructure is targeted, and then it causes a series of events that some of which may be anticipated and some of which may not, and it starts to affect other critical infrastructures.” An example is how “a disturbance in Alabama’s power grid could compromise the \$4 billion poultry industry, which is one of the largest industries in Alabama. This would have a devastating effect on the economy as well as people’s livelihood.”

HOWARD UNIVERSITY RECEIVES \$1 MILLION GRANT TO PROTECT CYBER-PHYSICAL SYSTEMS. The [Washington Post](#) (6/29, Larimer, 15.68M) reported Howard University said a \$1 million grant will fund a research project aimed at addressing cybersecurity concerns. The three-year grant from the National Science Foundation “was awarded to Garuba and Danda B. Rawat, an associate professor at Howard. The project will focus on creating a platform to develop and test solutions that would prevent cyber-physical systems from being compromised, Garuba said.” Garuba also said he “hoped the project would improve minority representation in cybersecurity.”

HACKERS “CRYPTO-JACKING” SMART DEVICES TO MINE DIGITAL CURRENCY. The [AP](#) (6/29, Stevens) reported on “crypto-jacking,” or hackers placing “malicious software on peoples’ handsets, TVs and smart fridges that makes them mine for digital money.” Victims may “notice only a slight drop in processing power, often not enough for them to think it’s a hacking attack,” but all of this processing power over several months adds up, especially if “a business’s entire network of computers is affected.” Anti-virus developer Avast said the number of crypto-jacking cases has jumped from 146,704 worldwide in September to 22.4 million in December, and has since “continued to increase, to 93 million in May.”

AUSTRALIAN CYBERCRIME AGENCY RECEIVES STATUTORY POWERS. The [Australian Associated Press](#) (7/1) reports the Australian Signals Directorate “was given power to prevent and disrupt crime, including drug trafficking and child exploitation, being committed outside Australia by electronic means from July 1.” Australian Minister for Defence Marise Payne said the agency will retain its primary functions of countering cyber-espionage and protecting the country against cyber threats, but, she added, “At the same time, ASD’s focus will now expand to lead cyber security support and services to industry, government and the community.”

ADIDAS SAYS WEBSITE WAS HACKED, POTENTIALLY COMPROMISING MILLIONS OF CUSTOMERS. [Newsweek](#) (6/29, Murdock, 2.18M) reported Adidas said on Thursday that its website may have been hacked, possibly compromising millions of usernames and encrypted passwords. Adidas said in a brief statement it became aware of the “potential data security incident” on June 26 after a hacker claimed to have “acquired limited data associated with certain Adidas consumers.” A preliminary investigation, according to Newsweek, “suggests that the breadth of the data leak could be significant.” However, “much remains unknown about the cyber theft, including a timescale of when the suspected hack took place, what techniques the culprit used to access data and exactly how many details were stolen.”

ARMY’S CYBER-X GAMES FOCUSES ON PROTECTING US INFRASTRUCTURE. [MeriTalk](#) (6/29) reported the latest edition of the Army’s Cyber X-Games, held in early June at the University of Texas at San Antonio, came “on the heels of a Department of Homeland Security alert issued in March of an ongoing, far-reaching Russian cyber campaign targeting U.S. power grids and other infrastructure.” The alert, issued by the FBI and DHS’ US Computer Emergency Readiness Team, “renewed talk about the importance of a whole-of-nation approach to cybersecurity, which includes the Department of Defense playing a part in protecting infrastructure.” As a result, this year’s games “dealt with protecting elements of infrastructure that may have been new to some of the participants, including industrial control systems (ICS) such as supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems and other hardware-and-software systems widely used in industrial settings.”

CHEAP TECH, WIDESPREAD INTERNET ACCESS LEAD TO RISE IN CYBERSEX TRAFFICKING. [NBC News](#) (6/30, 5.76M) reported that there are “thousands of people in the burgeoning industry of online sexual exploitation of children, also known as cybersex trafficking, in which pedophiles outsource rape and sexual abuse to facilitators, who then broadcast their acts on streaming video services to people around the world.” The proliferation “of cheap internet technology and worldwide payment systems have made it easy to set up such operations.” Brian Herrick, “acting chief of the FBI’s section devoted to stopping the exploitation of children online, said that because of the secretive nature of the crime, it is difficult to know exactly how many people are participating, but they can glean some information from arrests. Herrick said the number of individuals arrested on federal sexual abuse charges doubled between 1994 and 1998, again between 1998 and 2004, and a third time between 2004 and 2013. In 2014 there were over 3,400 arrests for federal sexual abuse charges.”

Terrorism Investigations:

NSA PURGES PHONE AND TEXT DOCUMENTS OVER “TECHNICAL IRREGULARITIES.” The [New York Times](#) (6/29, Savage, 19.33M) reports on a recent National Security Agency decision to purge “hundreds of millions” of phone and text records meant to locate possible terrorist activity. The NSA began destroying the records on May 23. NSA officials “had discovered ‘technical irregularities’ this year in its collection from phone companies of so-called call record details, or metadata showing who called or texted whom and when, but not what they said.”

FLORIDA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO BOMB THREATS AGAINST MOSQUE. The [South Florida Sun Sentinel](#) (6/29, Roustan, 601K) reported that Dustin Allen Hughes, 26, of South Florida, pleaded guilty on Thursday to a “federal hate crime for phoning in several bomb threats to a mosque in Pembroke Pines, according to the US Attorney’s Office in Miami.” FBI’s Miami office special agent in charge Robert F. Lasky said, “Freedom of religion is a fundamental right for every American. The FBI and its partners will work tirelessly to ensure anyone who threatens those rights is held accountable.” The [Miami Herald](#) (6/29, Neal, 1.07M) and [Reuters](#) (6/29, Campos) reported similarly.

MAN CHARGED IN PENNSYLVANIA BOMB PROBE OUT ON BAIL. The [Doylestown-Buckingham-New Britain \(PA\) Patch](#) (6/30, 1.23M) reported that David Surman Jr., “the man charged with possessing a weapon of mass destruction after a raid at his Bucks County property Thursday, is out on bail.” Court documents “show Surman, 30, of Milford Township, posted bail Friday.” Surman “was identified as a suspect” in mysterious, overnight explosions, “and drew the attention of the FBI and the ATF, which aided the Pennsylvania State Police in its investigation.”

NYTIMES ANALYSIS: ABANDONED RECORDS DETAIL ISIS APPROACH TO IRAQI POLICING. A more than 2,900-word [New York Times](#) (7/1, Callimachi, 19.33M) analysis of approximately “400 records and investigation files” recovered from an abandoned ISIS police station in northern Iraq’s Tel Kaif suggests that ISIS “was willing – even eager – to get involved in the messy details of people’s day-to-day lives, and conversely that hundreds of people trusted them to fairly resolve their issues, no matter how trivial.” According to the Times, “Justice was swift and efficient, mostly because no one wanted to risk punishment at the hands of the militants,” but “the fact that hundreds of civilians filed complaints, including against ISIS fighters who had wronged them, suggests that at least some Iraqis believed the terrorist group would do right by them.” The Times adds that “the records shed light on how the group managed to hold onto so much land in the first place,” and “may also offer lessons about the battles ahead.”

AT LEAST 19 KILLED IN ATTACK TARGETING AFGHAN SIKHS, HINDUS. The [New York Times](#) (7/1, Ghazi, Mashal,

19.33M) reports, “A suicide bomber struck a crowd of Afghan Sikhs and Hindus arriving to meet with President Ashraf Ghani on Sunday as he visited the eastern city of Jalalabad, an attack that killed at least 19 people and wounded 10 others, officials said.” The attack “occurred well outside the compound where Mr. Ghani was holding meetings,” but it “claimed the life of the only Sikh candidate running in elections in the country this year, a further blow to Afghanistan’s once celebrated diversity, which has been badly affected by decades of violence.” It “was the second deadly attack in 24 hours in the province surrounding Jalalabad, known as Nangarhar, where the Islamic State has a foothold and has repeatedly claimed responsibility for urban suicide bombings.”

“Narendr Singh, one of the wounded Sikh from Sunday’s attack, told” the [AP](#) (7/1, Faiez) “by phone from his hospital bed in Jalalabad that the attack targeted their convoy.” The AP adds that “Sikhs and Hindus have long suffered widespread discrimination in the conservative Muslim country and been targeted by Islamic extremists.”

The [Washington Post](#) (7/1, Salahuddin, 15.68M) says it was unclear whether the suicide bombing “was aimed at Ghani’s visit.” Taliban insurgents and ISIS affiliates “are active in the province,” but no group claimed responsibility for the attack. Suspicion fell on ISIS for the Saturday night for the beheading of “three guards at a school in a district in Nangarhar,” in part because the group “had threatened weeks ago to target schools in the province.”

G5 SAHEL FORCE HEADQUARTERS TARGETED IN MALI ATTACK. [Reuters](#) (6/29, Anara, Diallo, Diarra) reports “Islamist militants armed with rockets and explosives raided the headquarters of an African military taskforce in central Mali, leaving at least six people dead on Friday, a spokesman for the force said.” The SITE extremist monitoring group “said Al Qaeda’s branch in Mali had reportedly claimed responsibility for the attack and described it as a suicide bombing.”

The [AP](#) (6/29, Ahmed) notes the incident marked the “the first time the G5 Sahel headquarters has been targeted,” underscoring “the brazenness of the extremist threat in a part of the world that made headlines in October with the killing of four U.S. service members in an ambush in neighboring Niger.” In a statement, Niger President Mahamadou Issoufou, the chairman of the G5 Sahel force, condemned “this cowardly act by criminal organizations whose aim is to destabilize one of the essential instruments for the stability of our subregion, in this case the Joint Force of the G5 Sahel.” He also lauded the soldiers’ effective response and reaffirmed “the determination of the G5 Sahel member countries to fight the terrorist forces with firmness in order to restore the usual tranquility and serenity in which the people of the Sahel live.”

National Security News:

IOWA EXPECTS DIGITAL LICENSES TO BE AVAILABLE NEXT YEAR. The [Des Moines \(IA\) Register](#) (7/1, Petroski, 292K) reports that new digital driver’s licenses for smartphones “are expected to become available to Iowans next year, but lots of questions remain about how they will work.” Carrie Harmon, a regional spokeswoman for TSA, “said the federal agency does not currently accept digital driver’s licenses as valid identification at airport checkpoints. However, TSA is working with several states, including Iowa, to ensure all digital driver’s licenses are compliant with the federal REAL ID program, which establishes minimum security standards for license issuance and production.” Harmon said that when DHS certifies that the state’s digital licenses meet REAL ID standards, “TSA will accept them at the security checkpoint.”

CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTI-TERRORISM STANDARDS SET TO EXPIRE IN 2019. [AgProfessional](#) (6/29, Eckelkamp, 37K) reported the regulatory program Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS), originally established in 2006, is “back in the news because the Congressional authorization for the program is set to expire in January 2019.” Amy Graydon, Acting Director of DHS’s Infrastructure Security Compliance Division – which administers the CFATS program – said, “We had annual reauthorization for CFATS until 2014, and then Congress passed a statute that granted a four-year authorization.” According to the article, DHS is “working with Congress and stakeholders to ensure that chemical facilities and the American people remain certain that this important national security program does not lapse.”

ANALYSIS: TRAVEL BAN MISUNDERSTANDS HOW MODERN TERRORISM WORKS. A [Washington Post](#) (6/29, El-Gamal, Cunningham, 15.68M) analysis by Jasmine El-Gamal, a senior fellow at the Atlantic Council, and Susannah Cunningham, co-founder and executive director of Only Through US, argued that the Supreme Court’s ruling upholding President Trump’s travel ban is a “tragically outdated understanding of how modern terrorism networks recruit for and implement attacks on U.S. soil.” Today’s terrorists networks, they write, have realized that loopholes in the US immigration system “have long since been closed by immense advances in the U.S. vetting and immigration procedures.” By demonizing Muslims and implementing Trump’s anti-Muslim campaign pledges, the travel ban “mimics the Islamic State’s depiction of the United States as selectively hostile to people of Muslim faith and bolsters their recruitment efforts.”

Other DHS News:

NIELSEN REPORTEDLY VISITS TEXAS IMMIGRANT DETENTION CENTER. The [Brownsville \(TX\) Herald](#) (6/2, 33K)

posts a two-minute YouTube clip on its website purportedly showing Secretary Nielsen visiting “the Rio Grande Valley Friday to tour the Bayview Detention Center and the Southwest Key Programs Casa Presidente immigration holding facility for unaccompanied minors in Brownsville” on Friday. Nielsen is not visible during the clip, which shows vehicles arriving at and departing from the facility.

US CHARGES OREGON MAN WITH TRYING TO BRIBE ICE TO DEPORT WIFE. The [AP](#) (7/1) reports from Portland, OR, “A 48-year-old Portland man has been accused of trying to bribe a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officer in an effort to have his estranged wife and daughter deported.” Federal prosecutors said Antonio Burgos “tried to bribe the officer on three separate occasions.” Burgos “made an initial court appearance Friday before U.S. Magistrate Judge Paul Papak.” Burgos “pleaded not guilty and was released pending a two-day trial scheduled to begin Aug. 28.”

FEDERAL OFFICIALS SETTLE LAWSUIT AGAINST FORMER TEXAS STUDENT. The [Brownsville \(TX\) Herald](#) (7/1, Reagan, 33K) reports, “Four federal officials have agreed to settle a lawsuit brought by a former University of Texas at Brownsville student who alleges that the university unlawfully terminated his foreign student status resulting in a negative domino effect on his life, court documents show.” According to the Herald, “The student, only known as John Doe, is a native of the Republic of India and sued Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen; United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Director L. Francis Cissna; USCIS Harlingen District Director Mario Ortiz; USCIS Field Office Director Norma A. Limon; the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley; UTRGV Student Employment Coordinator Maria Aragelia Salazar; UTRGV Director of International Admissions and Student Services Samantha Lopez; and Associate Dean Javier A. Martinez last September.” The settlement “does not apply to the UTRGV defendants.”

Global Media:

WPOST A1: EU LEADERS REACH AGREEMENT ON REFUGEES. The [Washington Post](#) (6/29, A1, Ariès, Harlan, 15.68M) reports on its front page that after “working through the night,” all 28 EU members on Friday “signed off on a joint statement of conclusions intended as the first step in resolving Europe’s biggest fight of the moment: how to manage migrants coming to the continent.” While some specifics need to be “fleshed out,” the EU leaders agreed to “push for screening centers in African countries where asylum claims could be evaluated” and “also agreed that some European countries would establish centers within their own borders to process migrants seeking asylum after their arrived in the continent.” [Reuters](#) (6/29) reports that Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte “said he was satisfied by a deal on migration reached by European Union leaders at dawn on Friday, adding Rome would decide later on whether to host centers for migrants.”

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (6/29, Pancevski, Pop, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) reported the new approach is in response to thousands of migrants trying to reach Europe’s shores, often resulting in deadly consequences as they attempt to cross the Mediterranean. The concept is based in part of Australia’s immigration policy, which turns back all migrant boats and directs them to third-country centers run by local authorities. The measures are controversial, but have reduced mass migration and prevented people from drowning while trying to reach Australia.

A [Wall Street Journal](#) (6/29, Pop, Pancevski, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) analysis says the agreement confirms a rightward political shift in Europe, reflecting the erosion of German Chancellor Angela Merkel’s international authority since her lackluster electoral victory in September. It also reflected Merkel’s weakening domestic political clout, particularly in the face of pressure from Interior Minister Horst Seehofer, the chairman of the Christian Social Union, the sister party to Merkel’s conservative Christian Democratic Union.

WPost A1: Critics Say EU Abdicating Responsibility With Remote Migrant Vetting. On its front page, the [Washington Post](#) (6/29, A1, Harlan, Raghavan, 15.68M) says European leaders said in their Friday agreement that “they would explore ways to build new centers, probably in Africa, where migrants could be screened for asylum – and from where only legitimate refugees might move on to Europe.” The bloc argued that remote vetting centers would “reduce the number of people who attempt to cross the deadly Mediterranean Sea” and “better enable a triaging of the crisis.” According to some politicians and analysts, however, “Europe risks abdicating its responsibility at a time when migrant flows are drastically reduced from their 2015 peak, and that it would be inviting additional challenges with facilities hosted by poorer and less-stable countries, where people – including minors – could languish in unsafe conditions.”

NYTimes Analysis Outlines Differences In US, European Immigration Debates. In an analysis, the [New York Times](#) (6/29, Taub, Fisher, 19.33M) says a “side-by-side comparison” of conflicts “playing out both in the United States and in Europe over immigration and refugees” suggests that while the disputes “are sometimes about immigration itself, often they have more do with race and ethnic identity – or with simple politics.” The Times adds that while the debates “might look similar on the surface, and do in fact share much in common, they’re also different in subtle but crucial ways.” In the US, “where the federal government has centralized control over immigration policy, President Trump has been able to translate the anti-migrant backlash into policy, including by separating families at the border.” In the European Union,

however, “the crisis is more complex, touching on the bloc’s need for political unity.”

WSJOURNAL ANALYSIS: MIGRATION DIFFICULTIES PUSH US, EU TO SIMILAR POLITICAL CHALLENGES. In an analysis, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (6/30, Pop, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) says US and European politicians who have portrayed migrants as a security risk and social threat have grown more powerful, resulting in toughened immigration policies on both sides of the Atlantic. According to the Journal, the migration challenges that the US and Europe both face along their borders differ in origin, but have elicited the same political problem of how to halt the influx of illegal immigrants but ensure that they receive humane treatment.

Spain Sees Marked Increase In Migrant Arrivals Despite Decline Across Europe. The [New York Times](#) (6/30, Minder, 19.33M) reports Spain’s new Socialist government under Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez “has waded straight into Europe’s migration crisis – out of both choice and necessity.” Immediately after Sánchez took office in early June, he “won plaudits from aid groups for welcoming to Spain 630 migrants from the Aquarius, a rescue ship that had been turned away by Italy and Malta.” Domestically, however, “Sánchez is under pressure to stem a sudden influx of migrants crossing from Morocco on inflatable boats.” While the “number of unauthorized migrants arriving in Europe from Africa, the Middle East and Asia has fallen sharply since 2016,” it has “soared” in Spain. The nation’s “situation underlines its reliance on Moroccan authorities to stop migrants,” raising “concerns in Spain that Morocco may have deliberately relaxed surveillance along its beaches facing Spain.”

The [AP](#) (6/29) reported, “Spain has bilateral agreements with Morocco, Algeria and other African countries to return their citizens, making it nearly impossible for any arrivals from there to get asylum. But most sub-Saharan Africans and others arriving in the country are given an expulsion order that authorities are rarely able to execute.”

MEXICAN VOTERS DELIVER LEFTIST CANDIDATE A “LANDSLIDE VICTORY.” The [Los Angeles Times](#) (7/1, McDonnell, 4.03M) reports, “Leftist candidate Andres Manuel López Obrador has won Mexico’s presidential election as his competitors have conceded based on exit polls showing he is headed for a landslide victory.” López Obrador “vowed a sweeping ‘transformation’ of a nation where voters have expressed broad discontent with rampant corruption, rising crime and a sluggish economy.” President Trump [tweeted](#) his congratulations to López Obrador on Sunday night, writing, “I look very much forward to working with him. There is much to be done that will benefit both the United States and Mexico!”

The [Washington Post](#) (7/1, Partlow, Averbuch, 15.68M) similarly says “López Obrador’s victory represents an emphatic rejection of the traditional politicians whom he regularly calls the ‘mafia of power.’” The Post adds that President Trump “loomed in the background of this vote.” The President “was not a wedge issue in the election – all candidates opposed his immigration and trade policies and his anti-Mexican rhetoric – but the new Mexican president will have to manage cross-border relations that are unusually fraught.”

The [New York Times](#) (7/1, Ahmed, Villegas, 19.33M) attributes López Obrador’s “landslide victory,” which “upended the nation’s political establishment and handed him a sweeping mandate to reshape the country,” to “a wave of populist anger fueled by rampant corruption and violence.” The election outcome “puts a leftist leader at the helm of Latin America’s second-largest economy for the first time in decades, a prospect that has filled millions of Mexicans with hope – and the nation’s elites with trepidation.” It also “represents a clear rejection of the status quo in the nation, which for the last quarter century has been defined by a centrist vision and an embrace of globalization that many Mexicans feel has not served them.”

[NBC Nightly News](#) (7/1, story 7, 2:05, Jackson, 8.26M) said López Obrador’s “style is much like President Trump’s.” Known as AMLO, López Obrador is “big on promises with few specifics. Anti-establishment, despite running for President here twice before.” López Obrador will now “face a dismissive US Administration” and “Trump’s controversial migrant policy separating families, putting pressure on Mexico.”

[ABC World News Tonight](#) (7/1, story 6, 0:20, Llamas, 14.63M) reported that the “run-up to election has been particularly bloody.” The [CBS Weekend News](#) (7/1, story 7, 0:35, Quijano, 5.32M) similarly reported that “it was a very bloody campaign season. In the nine months leading up to today’s election, it is estimated 145 candidates were killed.”

MERKEL’S BAVARIAN ALLIES DIVIDED OVER EU MIGRANT DEAL. [Reuters](#) (7/1, Poltz) reports leaders of German Chancellor Angela Merkel’s Bavarian ally, the Christian Social Union (CSU), “argued long into Sunday evening over whether to accept immigration proposals the German chancellor brought back from Brussels, heightening uncertainty over the future of her government coalition.” Earlier, Interior Minister Horst Seehofer, the CSU chairman, “said he saw no alternative to turning some migrants back at the German border, a party source said, setting him on a collision course with Merkel.” The CSU “is divided over how best to face off a challenge from the anti-immigration Alternative for Germany (AfD) in October’s regional election, although Seehofer and Bavarian premier Markus Soeder are both keen to force Merkel to harden her stance on refugees.” Most analysts “expect Merkel to survive the clash with the CSU,” but “it is

unlikely to be the last occasion on which the sister party seeks to distance itself from a chancellor it sees as too centrist for its own supporters.”

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (7/1, Thomas, Marson, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) says Seehofer’s comments during the late Sunday deliberations may steer Germany toward a government crisis, because if Merkel fires Seehofer, effectively ending their parties’ seven-decade alliance, Merkel’s coalition would no longer hold a parliamentary majority. Seehofer will release a statement soon, according to a CSU official, who declined to say whether the CSU may sever its coalition with Merkel’s Christian Democratic Union or whether Seehofer intends to resign.

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